

least, have to take my stand on those issues that I believe are important. I think it would be unconscionable and I think it would be totally inappropriate to destroy this commission which has been in existence for enough time to give people described as Hispanics, Mexicans, Chicanos a feeling that there is some place in state government they can go to seek assistance from people who understand them, who can be an interpreter, if you will, between them and the government and its operations. There was a packet of information given to you about this commission and it points out that state agencies have gone to this commission for assistance and utilization of the expertise found within that commission. If I were talking about an issue that impacted on some of you, I would know what examples to give to try to make you understand what it is that I am saying. But since this commission deals with people who are so foreign to you and they are not really viewed as people in the complete sense of the word, I am unable to think of an example to give you that could make you understand what it is I am trying to say. Maybe you are more familiar with cattle so let's say that you have a calf and the mother of the calf cannot be found. So you try to go out there with different means of providing nourishment for the calf and the calf will not accept it. Maybe what you decide then is that since I know what kind of animal produced this baby, if I could find an adult female who has just produced other babies, perhaps that is a way to obtain nutriment for this baby and you bring the mother cow or you bring the cow and the calf together and the calf feeds and survives. Well, if you can, and I know it is difficult, accord these people who are called Hispanics the same consideration you would give to the calf and realize that it is necessary when you are in an environment which is often hostile, where you are often exploited, that a necessity might arise on occasion for you to communicate with somebody who understands your language and your culture. There are interests in this state who feel so much need to utilize individuals called Hispanics that they bring them into this country in violation of immigration laws. They conceal them on the premises of their establishments, whether they be farms or factories. Because this is done and because these types of people appear a certain way to the eye, assumptions are made by some law enforcement agencies in this state that anybody who has that appearance may be in this country illegally and they are taken off the streets and deprived of their freedom. They are arrested. They are put in handcuffs.